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Re:	USSN 10/707,291	CC:	David W. Pratt

Dear Examiner Chin:

In response to the final office action mailed November 13, 2006, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 13, 2007 (2 pages);
- 2) Petition and Fee for Extension of Time with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 13, 2007 (2 pages);
- 3) Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$60.00 (1 page);
- 4) Request for Continued Examination Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 13, 2007 (1 page);
- 5) Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$395.00 (1 page); and
- 6) Amendment C with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 13, 2007 (7 pages).

Very respectfully,

Ronald E. Smith
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Application No. : 10/707,291 Confirmation No.: 1290
Applicant: : David W. Pratt
Filed: : 12/03/2003
Art Unit : 3652
Examiner : Paul T. Chin

Docket No. : 1053.30
Customer No. : 21,901
For : Bottom-Emptying Device for Tapered Bailer

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor.

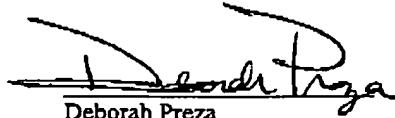
EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that an extension of term is required. Petition and Fee for Extension of Time is attached hereto.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (e))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment C, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, together with A Request for Continued Examination is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 3652, Attn: Paul T. Chin, (571) 273-8300 on March 13, 2007.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	9	Minus	20	= 0 x \$25 = \$0
Indep.	1	Minus	3	= 0 x \$100 = \$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$180 = \$0	
			Total	
			Addit. Fee	\$0

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No additional fee for claims is required.

Very respectfully,

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